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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON SBC RESUBMISSION OF PETITION FOR WAIVER AND/OR FORBEARANCE TO PROVIDE REVERSE DIRECTORY SERVICES

CC Docket No. 00-227

Released: November 7, 2000

On November 2, 2000, Nevada Bell, Pacific Bell, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southern New England Telephone, and the Ameritech Telephone Companies (collectively, SBC) filed a petition for authority to provide reverse directory services on an integrated basis (i.e., directly through the telephone operating companies). These services allow an end user to match a telephone number with a customer name and address, as opposed to traditional directory assistance services in which an end user with a customer name seeks to find a telephone number.

In its petition, SBC points out that certain of its operating companies have obtained waivers of the Commission's comparably efficient interconnection (CEI) requirements and forbearance from section 272 of the Communications Act in order to provide electronic reverse directory services on an integrated basis without preparing or complying with CEI plans. SBC requests extension of these waivers and additional forbearance to the extent necessary to permit all its operating companies to provide operator-assisted and electronic reverse directory services on an integrated basis without preparing or complying with such plans.

On April 6, 2000 SBC was granted special temporary authority to provide operator-assisted and electronic reverse directory services on an integrated basis.

Interested parties may file comments regarding the SBC petition for waiver no later than November 22, 2000, with the Secretary, FCC at 445 12th Street, SW, TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554. Oppositions or responses to these comments may be filed with the Secretary, FCC no later than December 4, 2000. All pleadings are to reference CC Docket No. 00-227. Interested parties should file an original and seven copies of all pleadings. An additional copy of all pleadings must also be sent to Janice M. Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 5-C327, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The SBC petition for waiver is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554 or by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800 or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/efcs.html. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to efcs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

We will treat this proceeding as permit, but disclose for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), as revised. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. Interested parties are to file with the Secretary, FCC, and serve Janice M. Myles and ITS, with copies of any written ex parte presentations or summaries of oral ex parte presentations in these proceedings in the manner specified above.

For further information, contact Janice M. Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580, e-mail jmyles@fcc.gov.